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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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**Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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☐ in computer readable form
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations :**

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: KR 2002-57634 A (12 July 2002)  
D2: KR 2002-29506 A (19 April 2002)  
D3: KR 2001-113400 A (28 December 2001)  
D4: JP 2002-243354 A (28 August 2002)  
D5: JP 2001-324258 A (22 November 2001)

**1. Novelty and Inventive Step**

Claims 1-10 relate to the installation structure of a communication pad for a refrigerator, which is to tilt the communication pad supported by a holder to any positions a user wants. To achieve said purpose, a securing space is formed to install the communication pad on a front surface of a refrigerator door, and slots are formed in a left and right direction at upper and lower portions of said securing space. Said slots are connected to said communication pad by a link, one end of said link being connected in such a manner as to be capable of rotating along said slots, and the other end of said link being connected in such a manner as to be capable of rotating at the holder of the communication pad.

D1 to D3 relate to a refrigerator having a monitor, wherein a display panel of the monitor is maintained flat, parallel to the door surface at a usual time, but can be tilted by a driving means in an up and down direction at a predetermined angle, if necessary.

Claims 1-10 are similar to said documents D1-D3 in the feature of tilting the display panel when a user needs to do so; and claims 2, 7 and 8 are also similar to documents D4 and D5 in the feature of installing the display panel on the holder provided at a front surface of a refrigerator.

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**Supplemental Box**

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However, claims 1-10 are different from said documents D1-D5 in that the present invention has a link for pulling out and pushing in the communication pad in a direction toward the front surface of the refrigerator door so as to tilt said communication pad in a left and right direction.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-10 is considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

**2. Industrial Applicability**

Since claims 1-10 are directed to the installation structure of a communication pad for a refrigerator, the subject matter of said claims is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).